

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-46 were originally presented for consideration in this application. Claims 2, 3, 7, 32-36, 38, 45 and 46 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1, 4-6, 8-31, 37 and 39-44 are currently pending in this application.

The examiner's indication that claims 6, 7, 13-17, 21, 32 and 37 contain allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation. To expedite prosecution of the application, allowable claims 6, 13, 17 and 37 have been rewritten in independent form above. Thus, newly independent claims 6, 13, 17 and 37, and their dependents, are now seen to be in condition for allowance.

To further expedite prosecution of the application, the limitations of allowable claim 7 have been incorporated into independent claim 1, and the limitations of allowable claim 32 have been incorporated into independent claim 27. Thus, the amended independent claims 1 and 27, and their dependents, are now seen to be in condition for allowance. Claims 7 and 32 have been canceled.

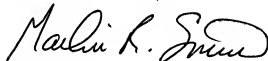
Withdrawn claims 33-36, 38, 45 and 46 have been canceled, as well. The examiner is requested to consider previously withdrawn claims 9, 10, 18, 19, 22-24, 40 and 41 in the present application, since each of these claims is dependent from an allowable base claim.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, all of the claims pending in this application are now seen to be in a condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance of claims 1, 4-6, 8-31, 37 and 39-44 is therefore earnestly solicited.

The examiner is hereby requested to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 516-0030 if such would expedite the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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